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Those who hold elective office have the power to affect your life through legislation. They can pass laws which can help protect you from discrimination and bashing or they can encourage such behavior. They can provide funding for proper health care for HIV+ people and women with breast cancer, or they can make it more difficult to get care and services. They can pass laws

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which can oppress or protect. What's more, they will definitely be making these types of decisions during their term in office, which may last up to six years after this election. As such, they have considerable potential to affect your life. By voting, you can have a say in who will be making these decisions, and thus influence decisions directly impacting your life as a lesbigay person.

USING THIS GUIDE

The Guide is designed to be used either by itself, or in conjunction with information on other issues important to you. It is not a slate, and nothing in this guide constitutes an endorsement. Both ratings and written summaries must be used together for a clear evaluation of a candidate; they do not stand alone. They show the strengths and weaknesses of various candidates across the spectrum of lesbigay issues. Sometimes, candidates may be equal overall in ratings, but differ on their strengths within the range of lesbigay issues.

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Candidates for which we had too little information in every category to rate have no entry in a rating table.

Besides providing information about candidates running for various offices, this guide can also be used to help determine districts where potential candidates supportive of lesbigay civil liberties need to be found and encouraged to run. Indeed, we encourage this.

Sources of Information

The League of Gay and Lesbian Voters obtains information for this guide from various sources: a questionnaire sent to each candidate; voting records; mass media such as Out!, PGN, Au Courant, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, the Altoona Mirror, the Erie Times, newswire services, other organizations such as the Human Rights Campaign Fund, and other miscellaneous sources. Although we do everything we can to ensure the accuracy of all information in the Guide, because of the complex nature of data collection, we cannot assume responsibility for inaccuracies in the information presented in the guide, if any exist.

SUBJECTS COVERED

We have covered certain areas of general concern for lesbigay people.

Equality: The area of equality concerns issues of discrimination and protection from discrimination. This includes questions like whether they would hire a qualified, openly lesbigay person or support anti– discrimination legislation.

Violence: This area addresses the problem of hate crimes against lesbigay people... lesbigay bashing. Many points refer to the Hate Crimes Bill, which deals with lesbigay bashing like other hate crimes in PA: by providing enhanced punishment for such crimes. LGLV advocates for this bill.

Couples: Under this subject, issues such as benefits for same-sex couples and recognition of same-sex couples are addressed. This is done primarily with the goal of attaining the legal tools necessary to care for our partners as well as our married heterosexual counterparts can.

Insurance: This involves issues of life and medical insurance discrimination.

Custody: This subject deals with discrimination in child custody, adoption and foster parentage. Often, lesbigay parents face road blocks in attaining custody of their children after a divorce simply because of their sexual orientation. Sexual orientation can also be a road block in the adoption of a child or in becoming a foster parent because of negative stereotypes against lesbigay people.

AIDS: This topic includes a range of issues dealing with AIDS, including education, treatment and research. Also including are topics such as mandatory HIV testing and associated social policy issues.

QUESTIONNAIRE

The questionnaire sent to each candidate covers a range of issues. Different types of questionnaires are sent depending upon the race. The following is a composite of all the types of questionnaires sent:

- Should government at any level have the right to regulate private consensual adult sexual behavior?
- 2. Do you support prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, housing, public accommodations and federal government programs?
- 3. Would you appoint a qualified openly gay person to your staff?
- 4. Would you appoint or approve a qualified openly gay person to a governmental position?
- 5. Do you believe a parent's sexual orientation should be a determining or influencing factor in custody decisions?
- 6. Do you believe an applicant's sexual orientation should be grounds to deny, or in anyway influence, that person's opportunity to adopt a child or become a foster parent? If yes, please explain your answer.
- 7. Do you support repealing the ban against lesbian and gay people in the military?
- 8. Do you support the recognition of marriage, or some legal equivalent (such as domestic partnerships), for same-sex couples?
- 9. Do you support extending health and welfare benefits to same-sex couples where at least one member of the couple is employed by the state?
- 10. Harsher sentences are often meted out for crimes motivated by racial and other prejudices. Do you believe crimes motivated by the victim's sexual orientation should likewise be considered an aggravating circumstance in sentencing the offender (for instance, as proposed in SB 1218, the Hate Crimes Bill)?
- 11. Do you think health insurance companies should be allowed to deny insurance or raise rates based upon sexual orientation?
- 12. Should they offer gay/lesbian couples the opportunity to purchase family health insurance coverage?
- 13. Do you think life insurance companies should be allowed to deny insurance or raise rates based upon sexual orientation?
- 14. How much funding would you support overall for AIDS programs in the next fiscal year? Please give dollar amount, and explain why you support this figure.
- 15. Please break down this figure into major categories (such as research, treatment, services, and education), or attach a copy of your budget.
- 16. What modifications would you make in current policies for the care and treatment of People With AIDS (PWAs) (drug approval, home care, medical subsidies, etc.)?
- 17. What would you not change about current policies for the care and treatment of PWAs?
- 18. What modifications would you make to current policies addressing public and government education on AIDS?
- 19. What would you not change about current policies addressing public and government education on AIDS?
- 20. Should HIV testing be mandatory? If yes, for whom?
- 21. Do you support protecting the confidentiality of a person with regard to their HIV status?
- 22. Please add any other relevant facts or opinions. Include as much information as you like. Please cite relevant legislation, testimony, or activities, if any, with which you have been involved.
- 23. What message would you like to send to the lesbian and gay voters in Pennsylvania?

Legend

✓✓ - Excellent ✓ - Good

0, ➡ - Neutral 🗱 - Unsatisfactory

** - Poor NB - No Basis for Evaluation

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This publication is a project of the League and is the tenth of many voter's guides we will be publishing. It is also the first statewide issue we have published, in two editions. The next will be available prior to the general election in Fall of 1994. The first was published for the primary election of 1988. It is the result of the hard work of our members, the cooperation of our friends, and the support of our advertisers.

We welcome your comments and questions. Please feel free to contact the League and express your views about the guide.

The League of Gay and Lesbian Voters is a nonpartisan organization concerned with issues of special concern to the lesbigay community in Pennsylvania. Our primary activities involve voter registration and education of voters, legislators and candidates, and legislative advocacy. While we do rate candidates on various issues of concern to the lesbigay community, we do not endorse.

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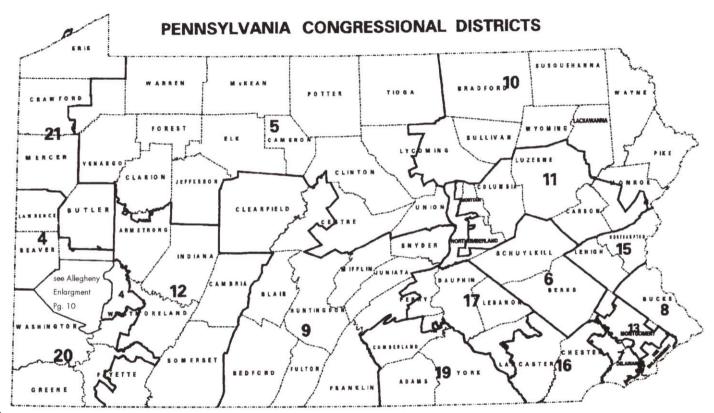
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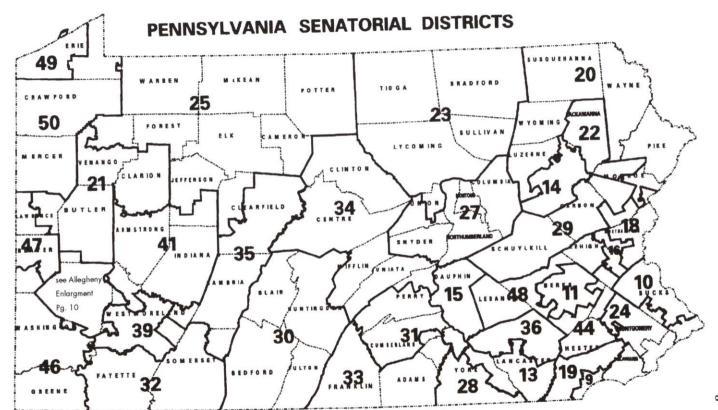
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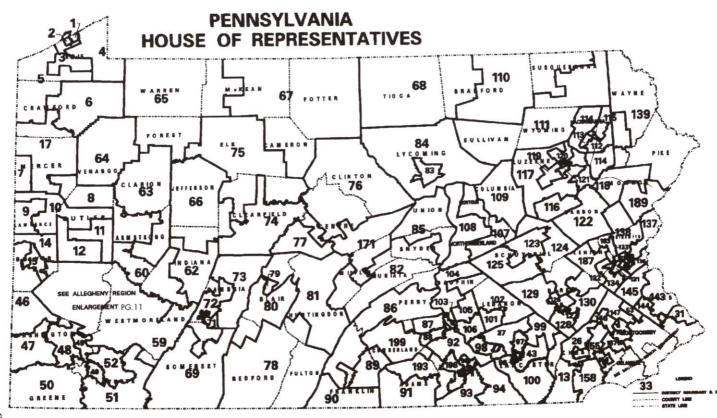
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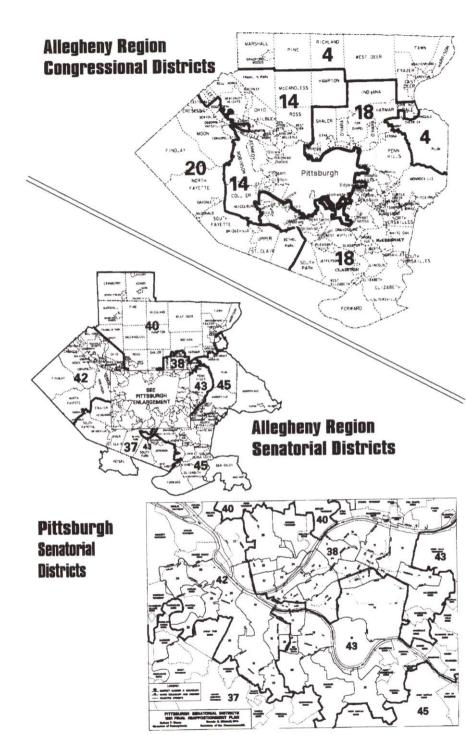
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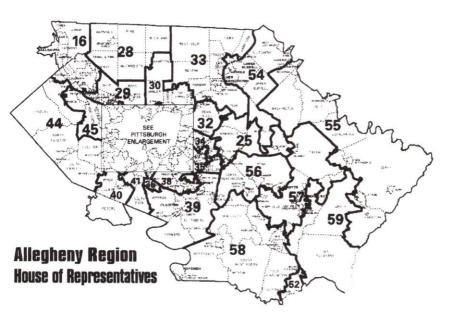
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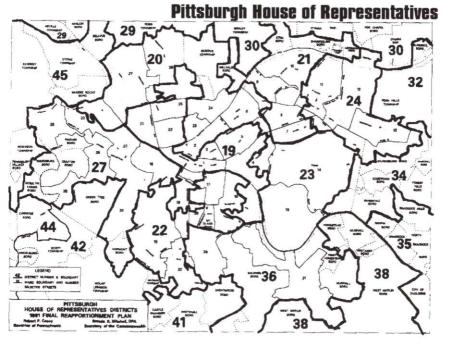












US Senate

Harris Wofford

- ✓ Signed a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office."
- ✓ Opposed the codification of an immigration ban against HIV+ individuals.
- ✓ Voted to allow Washington DC to implement its domestic partners ordinance.
- * Voted for the codification of the ban against lesbigay people in the military.

Rick Santorum 🖈

- ✓ Signed a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office"
- **★** Voted for the codification of an immigration ban against HIV+ individuals.
- * Opposed the implementation of Washington, DC's domestic partners ordinance.
- * Voted for the codification of the ban against lesbigay people from the military.
- ★ Voted to prohibit schools from have programs which have "the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative"

Joe Watkins

- ✓ Has openly gay members on his campaign staff.
- ✓ "I will lead the charge to extend these most basic of human rights to <u>ALL</u>.

 Americans, regardless of gender or sexual orientation. All Americans must be assured the opportunity to grow, prosper and reach the fullest of personal potential in all areas relevant to employment, housing, public accommodations without regard to preference or sexual orientation."
- √ "Government must get off the backs and out of the bedrooms of all Americans."
- ✓ On recognizing same–sex relationships for inheritance and tax purposes: "although non–traditional domestic relationships... are contrary to my religious beliefs, I respect their intended legitimacy within the secularism of civil law."
- ✓ "History... tells us of [lesbigay people's] fine service to our nation and the
 world. Continued duplicities only hurt the soul of our nation."
- ✓ "I will work diligently with members of the AIDS Service community in developing comprehensive and coordinated health and social services... in rural areas, as well as metropolitan centers."
- ✓ Would work to withdraw exclusivity from orphan drugs determined to be unreasonably priced.
- Believes in mandatory HIV testing for health care providers, and food handlers, though also generally believes in maintaining HIV status confidentiality.

	Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	AIDS			
Santorum	NB	××	NB	××	0			
Wofford	NB	/	NB	×	✓			
Watkins	11	11	1	11	✓			

Governor

Dwight Evans

- ✓ Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill as a state legislator.
- "As governor, I would look to my secretaries of Health and Public Welfare as well as the AIDS advocacy and provider organizations and the medical community for guidance on policy direction."
- ✓ Believes HIV "education, prevention, voluntary testing and counseling services should be widely available and disseminated as broadly as possible."
- ✓ Conducted a special hearing on AIDS programs and funding in his capacity as the chair of the House Appropriations Committee.

Catherine Baker Knoll

- ✓ As State Treasurer, established a non-discrimination policy in the Treasurer's office which included sexual orientation.
- On AIDS policy: "I would take my cues from the experts: people with AIDS."
- "I offer hope and I have the courage to fight for fairness whenever and wherever necessary"

Bob O'Donnell

- ✓ Has previously supported the Hate Crimes Bill as a state legislator.
- ✓ Has openly lesbigay volunteers on campaign staff, and a key staff member for the past six years is openly bisexual.
- ✓ "One of my first priorities would be to convene a nonpartisan, voluntary statewide AIDS task force to analyze present funding levels and the effectiveness of different programs" and to provide input on policies regarding people living with AIDS. Nominations would come from AIDS organizations, and from the lesbigay community. "I want to find the success stories and replicate them."
- √ Was a volunteer attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union working on discrimination cases involving sexual orientation.
- ✓ If elected, "I will be the first Governor in this state's history to make an open commitment to the gay and lesbian community and the problems, challenges and triumphs it faces."

Mark Singel

- ✓ As Lieutenant Governor, proposed that the state establish a permanent funding source for community-based AIDS service organizations.
- √ "We must stop referring to some people with AIDS as 'innocent victims,' implying that others are somehow guilty. We must stop talking about how AIDS is creeping into the 'general population'. Since 1981, persons with HIV infection and AIDS have been in the general population."
- ✓ Advocates extending bereavement leave to any person "with whom a state employee makes his or her home."
- ✓ Supports paying insurance premiums for low and moderate income PWAs who have lost their private coverage due to disability, unemployment or inability to pay.

- ✓ Supported adding sexual orientation to Penn State's nondiscrimination clause
 as a member of the Board of Trustees.
- √ Has appointed openly lesbigay people to his staff.
- ✓ "The issues of job discrimination, fairness for domestic partners, health care and
 hate crimes are too important for elected officials to ignore any longer... I
 recognize the need for all of us to work together to improve the lives of all
 Americans, regardless of sexual orientation."

Phillip Valenti

★ Follower of Lyndon LaRouche, a right-wing extremist and convicted felon. LaRouche supports quarantining People with AIDS, and has generally expressed anti-lesbigay sentiments.

Lynn Yeakel

- √ "I will support and sign legislation on civil rights protection."
- ✓ "I will support and sign legislation to expand the Pennsylvania Hate Crimes Bill
 to include protection for gay and lesbian people."
- ✓ "I will work to ensure that health care reform proposals provide adequate
 coverage for people who are HIV positive or who have AIDS."
- √ "I will support local anti–crime, anti–violence groups and will protect the rights
 of crime victims."
- ✓ As leader of Women's Way, endorsed the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Has raised funds for lesbigay and women's organizations.

Mike Fisher 🗭

- *Ran a virulently anti-lesbigay radio ad claiming lesbigay people were plotting to be included in St. Patrick's Day parades in Pennsylvania. He claimed he would prevent this from happening. The issue itself was nonexistent, since there are no known efforts in this direction. It appears to have been an effort to manufacture a "homosexual threat" issue for the campaign.
- ** Main opponent of Outcome–Based Education (OBE), the debate on which largely centered around the (incorrect) idea that the OBE rules would require teaching tolerance of lesbigay people. Fisher alined himself with right–wing, anti–gay extremists, and has become their point man in the Senate.
- *As a trustee for the University of Pittsburgh, voted against providing domestic partnership benefits to university employees in same-sex relationships.

Sam Katz 🖈

Although Katz courted the lesbigay vote when running for Mayor of Philadelphia two years ago, he has not done so this year. His campaign declined to answer the League questionnaire, saying they "don't want to discuss social issues until after the primary."

Ernie Preate 🖈

✓ As Attorney General, included information on hate crimes committed because of the victim's sexual orientation in his annual report on hate crimes in the state.

- ✓ Verbally endorsed the Hate Crimes Bill, though did not actively seek its passage.
- * Has been accused of unequal enforcement of indecency laws in Philadelphia

Tom Ridge 🖈

- ✓ Cosponsored the Americans with Disabilities Act, which protected disabled people from discrimination, including people with AIDS.
- √ Supported the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, and supported keeping sexual orientation in the bill.
- ✓ Signed a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office."
- Supported anti-lesbigay legislation which would have prohibited schools from stating that homosexuality is "normal, natural or healthy."
- ★ Supported bills which would have explicitly allowed discrimination against lesbigay people in employment.
- **★** Voted to allow employers to discriminate against HIV+ food handlers.
- **★** Voted to prohibit HIV+ individuals from immigrating to the US.
- ★ Voted against allowing Washington, DC to implement its domestic partnerships ordinance.
- * Voted for the codification of the ban against lesbigay people in the military.
- ★ Voted to prohibit schools from having programs which have "the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative"

No response or data - #: Charles Volpe; #: John F. Perry

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Evans	1	/	1	11	/	/	
Fisher	××	NB	××	NB	NB	NB	
Katz	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	
Knoll	/	/	/	/	/	/	
O'Donnell	11	/	/	11	/	11	
Preate	NB	NB	NB	/	NB	NB	
Ridge	×	NB	××	11	NB	×	
Singel	/	NB	1	/	/	11	
Valenti	××	NB	NB	NB	NB	××	
Yeakel	11	/	/	11	/	11	

Lieutenant Governor

Philip Berg

- ✓ "AIDS funding will be one of the highest priorities of my administration. As
 President of the Senate, I will push through legislation supporting additional
 AIDS funding in all areas."
- √ Has been openly soliciting support of the lesbigay community, as he did in his
 run for governor in 1990.

√ "I... am a true believer in individual rights and will do everything in my power
to protect and defend the rights of gays and lesbians, registered voters or not,
although I would urge all lesbians and gays, as I urge all individuals, to register,
participate, and exercise their right to vote."

Tom Foley

- ✓ "As Lieutenant Governor, I will... fight to ensure that no Pennsylvanian is denied opportunities based on his/her status."
- ✓ As Pennsylvania Secretary of Labor and Industry, implemented a policy against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

David Mayernik

- ✓ Although he voted against the Hate Crimes Bill in 1990 as a state legislator, he subsequently reviewed his position and supported it in 1992.
- ✓ Cosponsored the HIV Confidentiality Act.
- "It is generally not my policy to answer questionnaires."

Karen Ritter

- ✓ Supports Governor's \$1.4 million AIDS budget increase. "I believe that State
 AIDS funding is seriously inadequate, and I would support annual increases."
- ✓ Supports shifting \$2 million from the under-utilized Special Pharmaceuticals Benefits Program (SPBP), to be used to stabilize and expand existing services, as requested by the PA Coalition of AIDS Service Organizations (PCASO).
- ✓ Supports PCASO's efforts to expand the range of covered drugs and supplies in the SPBP, and to expand the income guidelines.
- ✓ On the Health and Welfare Committee of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, voted for a bill to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.
- ✓ Believes in a more direct and open approach to AIDS education. This would include discussing prevention and transmission, including materials on condom use and safer sex.
- ✓ Cosponsor and strong proponent of the Hate Crimes Bill. Spoke in favor of the bill when it was being debated on the House floor.
- ✓ From the debate on the Hate Crimes Bill: "Bigots who are unsure of their own sexuality have... singled out homosexuals for special treatment through violence."

John Saler 📂

- ✓ Believes some of the funds for prescriptions should be reallocated for services instead.
- ✓ "We need a state formalized distribution system similar to New York's AIDS Institute which sets up funding levels and policy. Pennsylvania has no formal AIDS plan."

No response or data - ₹: Daniel Hilferty, John Morris, PJ Stapleton; ★:Thomas Rippon, Mark Schweiker

US Congress - District 9

Bud Shuster 😭

- √ Supported the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, and supported keeping sexual orientation in the bill.
- Failed to sign a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office."
- **★** Voted against the Americans with Disabilities Act, which provided protection against discrimination for people with disabilities, including AIDS.
- * Voted for the codification of the ban against lesbigay people from the military.
- ★ Voted against allowing Washington, DC to implement its domestic partnerships ordinance.
- **★** Voted to prohibit HIV+ individuals from immigrating to the US.
- **★** Voted to allow employers to discriminate against HIV+ food handlers.

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	AIDS	
Shuster	xx	××	✓	××	××	

US Congress - District 10

Daniel Schreffler

- ✓ Would cosponsor a bill prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, housing, public accommodations and federal programs.
- √ "It seems that [law] enforcement is lax on those willing to victimize gays."
- ✓ "The rights of all people must be fought for and protected. That is somewhat a
 cliché, but very much a part of what I and my campaign are about."

Joseph McDade 🖈

- ✓ Voted against codification of the ban against lesbigay people in the military (though he missed two of three votes on the issue).
- ✓ Supported the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, and keeping sexual orientation in the bill.
- **★** Voted to allow employers to discriminate against HIV+ food handlers.
- ★ Voted against allowing Washington, DC to implement its domestic partnerships ordinance.
- ★ Failed to sign a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office."

No data or response - #: John Karlavage, Sean Lannon

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	AIDS		
Schreffler	11	1	/	/	NB		
McDade	×	×	/	/	×		

US Congress - District 12

John Murtha M

- ✓ Supported the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, and keeping sexual orientation in the bill.
- ✓ Voted in favor of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which provided protection against discrimination for people with disabilities, including AIDS.
- **★** Failed to sign a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office."
- * Voted for the codification of the ban against lesbigay people from the military.
- ★ Voted against allowing Washington, DC to implement its domestic partnerships ordinance.
- **★** Voted to prohibit HIV+ individuals from immigrating to the US.
- * Voted to allow employers to discriminate against HIV+ food handlers.

No data or response - A: Michael Buben, Bill Choby

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	AIDS	
Murtha	×	××	✓	××	×	

US Congress - District 14

Bill Coyne

- ✓ Has the most consistently supportive voting record on lesbigay issues in the entire Pennsylvania congressional delegation.
- ✓ Cosponsor of federal Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill .
- ✓ Voted to allow Washington, DC to implement its domestic partnerships
 ordinance.
- √ Voted against the ban against lesbigay people in the military.
- ✓ Voted against the ban on immigration to the US by HIV+ persons.
- ✓ Supported the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, and supported keeping sexual orientation in the bill.
- √ Voted in favor of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which provided protection against discrimination for people with disabilities, including AIDS.
- ✓ Signed a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office."

No data or response - ♠: John Robert Clark

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	AIDS	
Coyne	11	11	//	11	11	

US Congress - Diostrict 17

George Gekas 🖈

- √ Voted in favor of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which provided
 protection against discrimination for people with disabilities, including AIDS.
- ★ Failed to sign a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office."
- * Voted to allow employers to discriminate against HIV+ food handlers.
- * Voted to prohibit HIV+ individuals from immigrating to the US.
- ★ Voted against allowing Washington, DC to implement its domestic partnerships ordinance.
- * Voted for the codification of the ban against lesbigay people in the military.
- Supported anti-lesbigay legislation which would have prohibited schools from stating that homosexuality is "normal, natural or healthy."
- ★ Sought, unsuccessfully, to remove sexual orientation from the scope of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act before it passed.

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	AIDS	
Gekas	×	×	××	××	×	

US Congress - Diostrict 18

Chris McNally

- ✓ Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill in the PA House of Representatives.
- \checkmark Cosponsored the HIV Confidentiality Act in the PA House of Representatives.

Bill Gallagher 🚘

Campaigning on a platform of "traditional family values."

No data or response – ★: Mike Adams, Richard Edward Caligiuri, Jon Delano, Mike Doyle, Arthur J. Murphy, Jr., Joseph Rudolph; ★: Pat Dolan, John McCarty, Allan Wampler

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	AIDS	
McNally	NB	NB	11	NB	/	
Gallagher	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	

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US Congress - District 19

Bill Goodling 🖈

- ✓ Signed a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office."
- ✓ Supported the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, and keeping sexual orientation in the bill.
- ✓ Believes FDA drug approval must be streamlined and accelerated.
- √ "Federal health care benefits should not discriminate against home care and outpatient
 services when proven to be as effective and economical."
- Believes greater emphasis should be placed on abstinence as the only completely effective means of avoiding contracting AIDS.
- *When asked if he would support and actively work for a non-discrimination bill based on sexual orientation, he responded "At this time, I will not support policies which would give any one group unwarranted, preferential treatment over others." He implied current laws "give all citizens equal protection under the law."
- ★ Supported anti-lesbigay legislation which would have prohibited schools from stating that homosexuality is "normal, natural or healthy."
- * Voted for the codification of the ban against lesbigay people in the military.
- * "Service in the military is not a right. The military is not a social or political body, nor is it a place for social experimentation. Individuals sacrifice a great many liberties in the name of discipline, and discipline is essential to an effective military. On this point I cannot be swayed. Quite simply, I have serious reservations about reducing the readiness and effectiveness of our armed forces."
- * Voted to prohibit HIV+ individuals from immigrating to the US.
- ★ Voted against allowing Washington, DC to implement its domestic partnerships ordinance.

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	AIDS	
Goodling	×	××	0	××	×	

US Congress - District 20

Alan Benyak M

- ✓ Would cosponsor a bill prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, housing, public accommodations and federal programs.
- ✓ Supports national health care coverage for all people to reign in health care costs
 for PWA's and others.
- ✓ Supports changing current Food and Drug Administration laws to make access to new and experimental drugs easier.
- Believes the "Don't ask, don't tell" policy regarding lesbigay people in the military is "livable". "While this is a reversion to a prior policy, I believe this is on the right course to a more open minded policy."
- "You're all right with me. Get out there and vote."

Bill Townsend

- ✓ Would cosponsor a bill prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, housing, public accommodations and federal programs.
- "Personally, I see no reason not to repeal the ban" against lesbigay people in the military, but feels Pentagon officials and military heads should be consulted first.
- "Bill Townsend is a candidate who is open to all views, lifestyles and personal freedoms... The purpose of government, as I see it, is to provide for the personal freedom and responsibility of all Americans."

No data or response - ←: Charlie Kelly, Frank Mascara; ←: Mike McCormick

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	AIDS		
Benyak	11	0	✓	/	11		
Townsend	11	×	1	0	NB		

US Congress - District 21

Anthony Andrezeski

✓ Voted for the HIV Confidentiality Act.

Judy Lynch 💣

- ✓ Would support a bill prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, housing, public accommodations and federal programs.
- "I am a person who relates to individuals without discrimination and stereotypes."

No data or response - ←: Dave Dicarlo, Ronald Dinicola, Bill Leavens; ←: Phil English, Mary Ann McConnell

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	AIDS			
Lynch	11	×	11	NB	/			
Andrezeski	NB	NB	NB	NB	1			

Pennsylvania Senate - District 30

Robert Jubelirer 🖈

✓ Voted for the HIV Confidentiality Act.

No data or response - #: Gregory Ned Kough

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Jubelirer	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	1		

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Pennsylvania Senate - District 32

Richard Kasunic

- ✓ Voted for the Hate Crimes Bill as a member of the PA House of Representatives.
- ★ Sponsored legislation requiring HIV+ physicians and dentists to provide written notice of status to patients and facilities where they are employed.

No data or response - #: Emil Beck; # : Mike Frick

	Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Kasunic	NB	NB	NB	✓	NB	×	

Pennsylvania Senate - District 34

J. Doyle Corman 🖈

✓ Voted for the HIV Confidentiality Act.

No data or response - #: John Elnitski

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Corman	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	✓	

Pennsylvania Senate - District 38

Leonard Bodack

- ✓ Has sponsored and aggressively promoted legislation to increase state funding for AIDS service organizations and other AIDS—related programs.
- ✓ Intervened on the behalf of the lesbigay community when Travelers bar was violently raided.
- ✓ Has taken an active role in working for the passage of the PA Hate Crimes Bill.
- √ "I believe the state should strengthen funding for education as well as home and
 community based service... it is crucial that standard home care practices be
 provided to everyone, including HIV patients."
- ✓ "We need a stronger, more comprehensive education programs, presented in a more straightforward and honest manner"

Bonnie DiCarlo

- ✓ "Prevention should be the main goal [related to AIDS programs], and the
 allocation of adequate resources to meet these should be a priority."
- ✓ Advocated home care coverage for all who need it, including PWAs.
- √ "We should quit blaming and be realistic about AIDS" in our AIDS education
 programs in the schools and media.

✓ "I am a friend of the community, I have worked for many years for many candidates that lesbian and gay voters have supported, and I would sponsor and vote for legislation that protects individual rights for all members of our community."

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Bodack	/	0	0	11	/	11		
DiCarlo	11	✓	1	✓	✓	11		

Pennsylvania Senate - District 40

No data or response - ♠: Melissa Hart; ♠: Elaine Napper

Pennsylvania Senate - District 42

Dan Onorato

- ✓ Has in the past indicated generally supportive view with regard to protection from discrimination and hate crimes.
- ✓ Has indicated an openness to discuss issues of concern to the lesbigay community.
- * Has indicated he is not willing to support recognition of domestic partnerships.

William Tosh

- ✓ Supports recognition of domestic partnerships for same–sex couples.
- √ "All citizens are equal!"

Jack Wagner 📂

- √ Has indicated support of hate crime legislation
- ★ Voted against Pittsburgh's Gay Rights Amendment both times it was before city council, when he was on council
- ★ He also refused to meet with members of the lesbigay community about the Amendment when it was up for consideration.

Candidate Rating Table									
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS			
Onorato	1	NB	×	/	NB	NB			
Tosh	/	/	/	NB	0	0			
Wagner	××	NB	××	0	NB	NB			

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Pennsylvania Senate - District 46

Barry Stout

✓ Voted for the HIV Confidentiality Act.

No data or response - R: James Benedict

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Stout	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	1	

Pennsylvania Senate - District 50

No data or response - Robert Robbins

State House - District 1

Linda Bebko-Jones

- ✓ "Sexual orientation should be included in the PA Human Relations Act."
- √ "A person's ability to care for a child... should not be determined by sexual orientation."
- √ "I would support a marriage equivalent for same sex couples."
- ✓ "My personal opinion is that both public and government education must be brutally frank about the disease [AIDS] and how it is spread. That means we must talk openly about 'safe' sex and the reality of drug use... Both unsafe sex and drug use are a reality in today's world and we need to deal with that reality. If that means providing free condoms and clean needles then that is what we must do. AIDS is killing our people and we must deal with that reality."

Joe Podolsky 🖈

* Would oppose a bill to add sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Bebko-Jones	11	11	11	11	11	11		
Podolsky	×	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB		

State House - District 2

Italo Cappabianca

- ✓ Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill..
- "The major determining factor in custody decisions should be the love and care the parent can proved the child. Sexual orientation should be a lesser consideration."
- ****** "I believe testing should be mandatory for health professionals who perform invasive procedures or assist in those procedures as well as for patients prior to undergoing invasive procedures."

No data or response - ♠: Fiore Leone; ♠: John Krupar

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Cappabianca	1	/	0	//	11	NB		
Podolsky	×	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB		

State House - District 3

Karl Boyes 🚘

- ✓ Although he vote against the Hate Crimes Bill previously, he has since indicated he will support it.
- ★ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove many safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status and requirements for consent before testing.

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Boyes	NB	NB	NB	1	NB	××	

State House - District 4

Tom Scrimenti

* Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response - 🖈: David Bossart, Barbara Mack

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Scrimenti	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	NB	

State House - District 5

Jim Merry 🖈

* Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response - ": Cynthia Loprersto, Joe Galbo

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Merry	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	NB	



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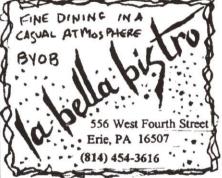
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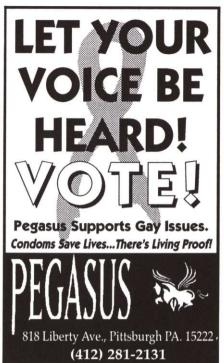


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State House - District 6

Teresa Brown

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No data or response - #: Kerry Corbett; # : Kevin Merritt

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Brown	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	××

State House - District 7

Mike Gruitza

✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response - R: Michael Whalen Pearce

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Gruitza	NB	NB	NB	11	NB	NB

State House - District 8

Howard Fargo 😭

- * Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill, and actively opposed it by speaking against it during the debate on the House floor.
- ***** "I believe it is wrong to do anything legislatively to promote sexual perversion."
- ★ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove many safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status and requirements for consent before testing.

No data or response - ₹: Barry Crytzer

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Fargo	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	××	

State House - District 8

No data or response - ★: Brian Burdick, Richard Christopher, Richard Cini, Angelo Papa, Anna Ratkovich, Chris Sainato, Christine Sands; ★: Frank Harvan, Judith Waddington, Dale Yoho

State House - District 10

Frank LaGrotta

* Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response - #: Barbara Taylor; #: Ed Fosnaught

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
LaGrotta	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	NB

State House - District 11

No data or response – #: Guy Travaglio; ₩: Ronald Kosecki, Alan Offstein, Neal Paulsen

State House - District 13

Pat Carone

✓ Have received indications she will support the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response - #: Bob Burtt; #: Doug Austin

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Carone	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB

State House - District 14

Mile Veon

- ✓ Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Has supported increased state funding for AIDS programs.
- ✓ Cosponsored HIV Confidentiality Act.

	Candidate Rating Table					
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Veon	NB	NB	NB	//	NB	/

State House - District 15

Nick Colafella

- * Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ★ Cosponsor of legislation requiring HIV+ physicians and dentists to provide written notice of status to patients and facilities where they are employed.
- ★ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Colafella	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	××	

Susan Laughlin

- ✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Has supported increased state funding for AIDS programs.
- ★ Cosponsor of legislation requiring HIV+ physicians and dentists to provide written notice of status to patients and facilities where they are employed.

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Laughlin	NB	NB	NB	/	NB	0

David King 🖈

★ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
King	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	XX		

State House - District 19

Bill Robinson

- ✓ Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Cosponsored the HIV Confidentiality Bill.
- * Supports mandatory HIV testing, but is unclear in which cases.

No data or response - A: Mark Brentley

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Robinson	NB	NB	NB	//	NB	×		

State House - District 20

Barbara Burns 🐔

- ✓ "The parent who can provide the best environment for the child to develop and
 grow should be the only deciding factor in custody cases... sexual orientation
 should not be considered."
- ✓ "I support efforts recently understaken by some of the more progressive companies... to recognize same–sex couples as families. I support efforts to help the insurance industry and employers to rethink policies as they related to same– sex couples."
- ✓ "I have served as a past commissioner of the Pittsburgh Human Relations
 Commission. I understand the negative impact of prejudice on gays and lesbians."

- √ As a school board director, was well–informed and supportive on issues affecting lesbigay youth.
- √ Supports legal recognition of same–sex couples.
- Believes in mandatory HIV testing for health care workers who are more likely than usual to come in contact with "others in a manner in which HIV could be accidently transmitted."

Gloria Novak

- ✓ Supports legal recognition of same–sex couples.
- ✓ Has been supportive of lesbigay issues when running for office previously.
- ✓ "Government should not reinforce bigotry."
- ✓ "People need to remember that the [lesbigay] community is made up of someone's daughter, son, sister and brother. How can we condemn them? We should be ashamed for trying to."

No data or response - #: Pete Petrack, Don Walko

Candidate Rating Table									
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS			
Burns	/	11	11	/	/	1			
Novak	/	/	/	1	/	/			

State House - District 21

Frank Pistella

- ✓ Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Cosponsored the HIV Confidentiality Bill.
- ✓ Has advised and assisted lesbigay advocates on relevant issues.
- ✓ Has a long and consistent history of supporting the lesbigay and AIDS concerns in the legislature.

Candidate Rating Table									
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS			
Pistella	11	11	11	11	11	11			

State House - District 22

Frank Gigliotti

- ✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Cosponsored the HIV Confidentiality Bill.

Michael Waligoski

✓ "I do not discriminate at all, and that includes sexual orientation."

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Gigliotti	NB	NB	NB	/	NB	0		
Waligorski	NB	NB	NB	1	NB	0		

Ivan Itkin

- ✓ Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Cosponsored the HIV Confidentiality Bill.
- ✓ Has advised and assisted lesbigay advocates on relevant issues.
- ✓ "I believe gay men and lesbian seeking adoption or custody of a child have the right to be considered on their individual merits and on their potential as parents and caregivers."
- ✓ Not only supports HIV Confidentiality Act, but would also support efforts to strengthen its enforcement.

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Itkin	/	11	NB	11	✓	11	

State House - District 24

Joseph Preston

- ✓ Introduced the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Cosponsored the HIV Confidentiality Bill.
- ✓ Has advised and assisted lesbigay advocates on relevant issues.
- √ Has actively lobbied colleagues on behalf of the lesbigay community.

Calvin Clinton

- ✓ Support substantial increases in AIDS funding.
- √ Believes in an expedited drug approval process.
- ✓ "If we as a human race are to advance we must accept each other's differences."

	Candidate Rating Table									
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS				
Preston	1	1	/	11	/	11				
Clinton	/	1	/	1	1	11				

State House - District 25

Joseph Markosek

* Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Markosek	NB	NB	NB	xx	NB	NB	

Thomas Petrone

- ✓ Although he voted against the Hate Crimes Bill, he has since indicated he supports and would vote for it.
- ✓ Cosponsor of the HIV Confidentiality Act.

No data or response − 🐔: Elaine Caparelli, Frank Libertore, Tim Merriman; 🛣: John Schnatterly

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Petrone	NB	NB	NB	/	NB	0		

State House - District 28

Elaine Farmer

* Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Farmer	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	0	

State House - District 29

Dave Mayernik

- ✓ Although he voted against the Hate Crimes Bill, he has since indicated he supports and would vote for it.
- ✓ Cosponsored the HIV Confidentiality Act.
- "It is generally not my policy to answer questionnaires."

No data or response - 🖈: Neil Fogarty

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Mayernik	NB	NB	NB	/	NB	0	

State House - District 30

Jeffrey Habay 🖈

* Has been identified with the right-wing extremist groups such as the Christian Coalition.

No data or response - 🦟: Mark Hannan; 🖈: Dan Anderson

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Habay	××	××	××	××	××	××	

Anthony DeLuca

- * Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- Introduced legislation requiring HIV+ physicians and dentists to provide written notice of status to patients and facilities where they are employed.
- ★ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove many safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status and requirements for consent before testing.

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
DeLuca	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	××

State House - District 33

Jeffery Hammer 🖈

- √ Supports legal recognition of same–sex couples.
- ✓ Supports the Hate Crimes Bill.
- √ "No person regardless of their sexual orientation should be treated as a second class citizen."

No data or response - ←: Frank Dermody, Cathy Opsitnick; ←: Felix Deguilio

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Hammer	1	1	/	✓	✓	/	

State House - District 34

Ron Cowell

✓ Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response - ₹: Mark Weitzman; ♠: Clyde Wilhelm

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Cowell	NB	NB	NB	11	NB	0	

State House - District 35

James Bulger III

✓ Supports legal recognition of same–sex couples.

Thomas Michlovic

- ✓ Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Cosponsored the HIV Confidentiality Act.
- √ Supports legal recognition of same–sex couples.

- √ Has been a leader in the House on providing support and services to people
 with HIV/AIDS.
- ✓ Has worked closely with the AIDS Community in Southwestern PA and with the statewide PA Coalition of AIDS Service Organizations to present proposals to shape PA's AIDS policies.
- √ "We've got to make the process easier to get new drugs and prescriptions
 approved for treatment. Also, we need to make certain allowances for HIV
 patients, not just AIDS."

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Bulgar	1	/	/	NB	/	0	
Michlovic	✓	//	/	11	1	11	

Joe Szpara

- ✓ In responding to whether he would support legal recognition of same—sex couples: "If that's what they want, fine."
- ✗ Doesn't feel lesbigay people should be able to have custody, adopt or be foster parents because "I wouldn't want to influence or cause any distress to a child by having them looked at wrongly by society."
- ✓ Believes health insurance companies should be allowed to raise their rates based on a person's sexual orientation.

No data or response - ★: David Blancett-Maddock, Bill Davis, Harry Readshaw, Ed Wuenschell

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Szpara	0	××	11	NB	×	0	

State House - District 38

C.L. Jabbour

* Consistently fails to respond to inquiries regarding his positions on lesbigay issues.

Richard Olasz

- ★ "Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill"
- ★ Was observed after the defeat of the Hate Crimes Bill in 1990 prancing around with his legs together and lisping "there's 80 on the loose in here" (there were 80 votes in favor of the bill).
- ★ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove many safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status and requirements for consent before testing.

Karen Krass 🗭

- ✓ Supports free HIV testing.
- ✓ Open to input on AIDS-related policy issues from lesbigay organizations.
- * Would not support a bill adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- ★ Feels sexual orientation should be a factor in custody, adoption and foster care decisions: "Organizations like NAMBLA make the entire gay community look like perverts. I know there are gay people that would make good parents, but it's too socially unacceptable."
- ★ Doesn't support the Hate Crimes Bill.
- "While I do not agree with the gay community on all issues, especially where children are concerned, I am concerned about AIDS and health insurance. I am very single, and I see the connecting of these issues."
- "I am probably more aware of gay issues than my general election opponent. May basic philosophy is: What goes on behind closed doors is nobody's business... NAMBLA is your thorn."

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Olasz	××	××	××	××	NB	××	
Krass	0	×	×	×	/	NB	

State House - District 39

Dave Levdansky

✓ Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response - #: Evan Ford, Felix Fusco, Gary Matta; #: Paul Calise

	Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Levdansky	NB	×	NB	11	NB	1		

State House - District 40

No data or response - R: Albert Pettit

State House - District 41

Ralph Kaiser

- ✓ Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Cosponsored HIV Confidentiality Act.

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Kaiser	NB	NB	NB	11	NB	NB	

Greg Fajt

✓ Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table							
Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
NB	NB	NB	11	NB	NB		
	Equality	Equality Custody	Equality Custody Couples	Equality Custody Couples Violence	Equality Custody Couples Violence Insurance		

State House - District 44

Ron Gamble M

- * Voted against and actively opposed the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ★ Has told "gay jokes" at public functions.
- ** Main opponent of Outcome–Based Education (OBE), the debate on which largely centered around the (incorrect) idea that the OBE rules would require teaching tolerance of lesbigay people. Gamble has alined himself with right—wing, anti–gay extremists, and has become their point man in the House.

No data or response - ₹: Andrew McGraw

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Gamble	xx	NB	××	××	NB	×

State House - District 45

Fred Trello

- ✓ Cosponsored the HIV Confidentiality Bill.
- ★ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- Cosponsor of legislation requiring HIV+ physicians and dentists to provide written notice of status to patients and facilities where they are employed.
- ** Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove many safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status and requirements for consent before testing.

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Trello	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	××	

State House - District 46

Victor Lescovitz

✓ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill, but has since indicated he would support it.

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Lescovitz	NB	NB	NB	✓	NB	NB	

Leo Trich

- ✓ Voted in favor the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

No data or response - R: William Haynes

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Trich	NB	NB	NB	11	NB	/	

State House - District 48

Anthony Colaizzo

- ✓ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill, but has since indicated he would support it.
- ✓ Sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.
- ★ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove many safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status and requirements for consent before testing.

No data or response - R: Fred Junko

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Colaizzo	NB	NB	NB	/	NB	××	

State House - District 49

Peter Daley M

- ✓ Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ★ Cosponsor of legislation requiring HIV+ physicians and dentists to provide written notice of status to patients and facilities where they are employed.
- ★ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.

	Candidate Rating Table					
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Daley	NB	NB	NB	11	NB	××

Bill DeWeese

- ✓ Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Supports legal recognition of lesbigay relationships.
- √ Supports adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- √ "I support [the] goal to assure that gay and lesbian citizens are treated equally."

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
DeWeese	/	✓	1	11	✓	11	

State House - District 51

Larry Roberts

"I do not have any prejudices toward gays or lesbians. However, I do believe that most Americans are prejudiced. Especially in my area, where the typical male/female relationship is normal and considered normal. Anything else here is considered abnormal."

No data or response - ★: Joseph Bezjak, Sean Cavnaugh; ★: Robert Lloyd

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Roberts	0	/	××	×	×	×	

State House - District 52

No data or response - ★: Richard Bower, Robert Gaydos, David Malosky, Mark Martin, Gretchen Mundorff, Tim Piwowar, James Shaner; ★: Bill Glassman

State House - District 54

Terry Van Horne

✓ Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill.

✓ Cosponsored the HIV Confidentiality Act.

No data or response - ★: Gary Alexander

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Van Horne	NB	NB	NB	11	NB	1	

State House - District 54

Joseph Petrarca

✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response - ₱: Ross Bash, David Matrunick; ♠: Robert Long

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Petrarca	NB	NB	NB	✓	NB	NB		

Allen Kukovich

✓ Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Kukovich	/	1	NB	11	NB	×	

State House - District 57

Thomas Tangretti

✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Tangretti	NB	NB	NB	1	NB	NB	

State House - District 58

Herman Mihalich

✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.

★ Cosponsor of legislation requiring HIV+ physicians and dentists to provide written notice of status to patients and facilities where they are employed.

Al Gaudio

One of two defense attorneys for a man who confessed to beating a gay man to death because he was gay. It is unknown what specific reasons Gaudio had for taking this case. He failed to respond to the questionnaire sent him by LGLV.

No data or response - ₩: James Bower

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Mihalich	NB	NB	NB	✓	NB	×	

State House - District 59

Jess Stairs 🖈

✓ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response - #: John Shaw

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Stairs	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	NB		

Tim Pesci 🖈

✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response - ": William Wheeler

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Pesci	NB	NB	NB	/	NB	NB	

State House - District 62

Sara Steelman

Has expressed general supportiveness, but has not made any commitments.

No data or response - ♠: Richard Gallo

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Steelman	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	

State House - District 63

David Wright

✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response - ₹: Ralph Seigworth; ₹: Robert Barrickman, Maria Kerle

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Wright	NB	NB	NB	✓	NB	NB	

State House - District 64

No data or response - R: Raymond Beichner, Scott Hutchinson

State House - District 65

Curtis Bowley

* Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response - R: Jim Lynch

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Bowley	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	NB	

State House - District 66

Sam Smith A

* Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Smith	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	NB		

Kenneth Jadlowiec 🚘

* Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Jadlowiec	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	NB		

State House - District 68

No data or response - R: Matthew Baker

State House - District 69

William Lloyd

- X Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- **≭** Has appeared hostile when approached by members of the lesbigay community.

No data or response – 🖈: Elwood Watson

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Lloyd	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	NB	

State House - District 71

John Wozniak

- ✓ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill, but has since indicated he would support it.
- \checkmark Willing to support same–sex relationship for the purpose of inheritance.
- Lesbigay people "should enjoy the same rights and privileges of all citizens. Not more... not less."

No data or response - R: Michael Wilson

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Wozniak	NB	NB	NB	//	NB	NB	

State House - District 72

Tom Yewcic *

★ Cosponsor of legislation requiring HIV+ physicians and dentists to provide written notice of status to patients and facilities where they are employed.

No data or response – 🖈: Jerry Kaharick

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Yewcic	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	×		

No data or response – ₱: Jack Barlick, Andrew Carney, Gary Haluska, Robert Petyak, John Plummer, Marybeth Rogers, PJ Stevens, Eva Wargo; ₱: Vince Golden

State House - District 74

George Camille

* Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Camille	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	NB	

State House - District 75

Dan Surra

★ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.

David P. Meier A

- ✗ On AIDS: "If people practiced abstinence until marriage and returned to the family values that made this country great we would not have this widespread problem."
- "The parent(s) should have morals, values that are in accordance with my Catholic upbringing. This gay and lesbian lifestyle is not an acceptable setting for children to be raised in."

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Meier	××	××	××	NB	0	××		
Surra	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	××		

State House - District 78

No data or response - A: Mike Hanna; A: Daniel Harger

State House - District 77

Ted Blaszak

- √ "It's appalling that gay and lesbian Americans are up to 8 times as likely to be
 the victims of violent crime as are others. The only thing more appalling is that
 our government is allowing this disgrace to continue."
- √ "I am very interested in pursuing a 'gay student rights bill' such as that enacted
 in Massachusetts last year."

Mary Watson

✓ Involved with bringing the AIDS Quilt to Centre County.

- ✓ "I support the Affidavit of Domestic Partnership used by the University of Iowa. An ordinance of this type is needed in Pennsylvania."
- ✓ "I support making sexual orientation part of the Bias [or Hate] Crimes Bill."

Lynn Herman 🖈

* Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table									
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS			
Blaszak	11	11	11	11	11	11			
Herman	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	NB			
Mary D. Watson	11	11	11	11	11	11			

State House - District 78

Dick Hess A

* Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response - ": Robert Daugherty

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Hess	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	NB	

State House - District 79

Richard Geist

* Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Geist	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	NB	

State House - District 80

Jerry Stern 😭

- ★ As Prothonotary, refused to file a cohabitation agreement and Statement of Marriage to a same-sex couple.
- ★ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove many safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status and requirements for consent before testing.

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Stern	NB	NB	××	NB	NB	××		

State House - District 81

No data or response - R: Larry Sather

Daniel Clark A

* Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Clark	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	NB

State House - District 83

Thomas Dempsey A

- * Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ★ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.

No data or response - #: Dorothy Adams

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Dempsey	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	××		

State House - District 84

Brett Feese 🖈

✗ On whether sexual orientation should be a factor in child custody decisions: "Sexual orientation should be a factor which the court is entitled to consider."

No data or response - #: Dorothy Adams

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Feese	××	××	××	0	0	0		

State House - District 85

Russ Fairchild 🖈

- ★ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ★ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Fairchild	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	××		

Allan Egolf 🖈

*Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Egolf	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	××	

State House - District 87

No data or response - R: Patricia Vance

State House - District 88

Jerry Nailor 🖈

- * Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ★ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove many safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status and requirements for consent before testing.

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Nailor	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	××	

State House - District 89

Jeffrey Coy

- * Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ★ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove many safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status and requirements for consent before testing.

No data or response - R: Timothy Bittle

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Coy	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	××		

Patrick Fleagle A

* Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response - ": Judith Zafft

	Candidate Rating Table					
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Fleagle	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	NB

State House - District 91

No data or response - #: Thomas Weaver; #: Stephen Maitland

State House - District 171

Ruth Rudy

✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response - Randy Conklin, Mike Young

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Rudy	NB	NB	NB	/	NB	NB	

State House-District 193

No data or response - R: Steven Nickol

State House - District 199

Al Masland

- * Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill in a Judiciary subcommittee.
- ★ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.
- *Is circulating among subcommittee members an article which suggests taking a "Tolerance and Containment" policy towards lesbigay people. It suggests outlawing sodomy except between "true homosexuals," among other unusual notions, and is generally against laws protecting lesbigay people's rights, or even granting equal rights. Its goal seems to be to allow "true homosexuals" to engage in sexual relations, but to "contain" homosexuality so it doesn't "spread" into society at large. It also aims to make certain government can convey the message that homosexuality is inferior and wrong.

Candidate Rating Table					
Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
××	××	××	××	NB	××
		Equality Custody	Equality Custody Couples	Equality Custody Couples Violence	Equality Custody Couples Violence Insurance

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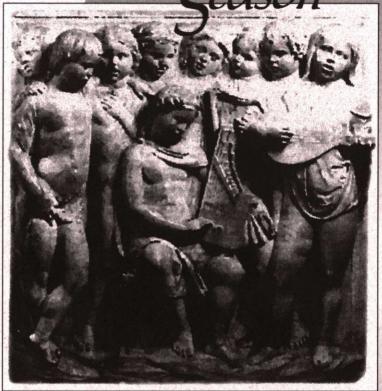
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